

Acting Mayor Amy Viering called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, July 18, 2011. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Barry Cox, Retha Elston, Linda Marley, and Lou Sotelo. Absent: Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee and Alderman Joe Martin.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Management Intern Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Finance Director Cindy Von Holten, Code Enforcement Officer Amanda Schmidt, Interim Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Chief Ron Potthoff, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

Acting Mayor Viering thanked the Council members who attended the Manahan Home Grand Opening and encouraged everyone to visit the home.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

LaVonne Finkle, 609 Avenue C, stated that at the last meeting she attended, she questioned the yellow street lights. She has learned that they are not street lights. They are behind the Manahan Home and in the 300 block of Seventh Avenue. The lights are bright and she understands the lights are yellow to deter bugs.

Finkle reported that she has solved the issue of garbage trucks running over her curb and sidewalk. She has installed a galvanized pipe 6" out of the ground and a heavy rock in front that protects her sidewalk. She understands the City needs to seek three bids for work but she would like to have her brick sidewalk replaced. Acting Mayor Viering stated that Manager Shumard would get back to her about replacing the sidewalk.

Acting Mayor Viering stated that Mayor Lee is absent due to family medical needs.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- 1) City Council Minutes of July 5, 2011
- 2) Bills and Payroll totaling \$372,346.87
- 3) Petition to allow Sauk Valley Marine Corps League Toys for Tots to hold a bucket brigade fundraiser on Saturday, October 29, 2011, at the intersection of Third Street/Second Avenue and Second Street/Second Avenue
- 4) Request for reimbursement #7 on TIF eligible expenses in the amount of \$10,330.47 for the Lincolnway-Lynn Boulevard TIF

The motion was seconded by Alderman Cox. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Deb Wehmhoefer of Whiteside County Public Transportation gave an update on the County's transit system. A transportation grant was issued with the County as grantee and the Senior Center as administrator. It was natural for the Senior Center to provide the administration because they already offered transportation. Transportation is being offered on weekdays with minimal fees. Usage increases regularly. A new transit facility to house vehicles is planned. Future plans are to operate regular routes with shelters when funding becomes available.

Alderman Cox made a motion to approve **Resolution R2011-07-13 to close streets for the Fiesta Parade on Saturday, September 17**; seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to approve Partial Pay Request #1 for the 2011 Streets Project Contract #3 to Twin City Construction in the amount of \$24,359.13; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Alderman Marley made a motion to approve Partial Pay Request #2 for the West Third Street Reconstruction Project – Avenue C to Avenue G, in the amount of \$96,264.87; seconded by Alderman Elston. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Chief Potthoff reported that a press release has been sent to the radio stations and newspaper regarding cooling centers in the community. Cooling centers are the Coliseum (24 hours), the Library, the Fire Stations, CGH Medical Center, and the Senior Center. He asked that people use common sense in this weather. Acting Mayor Viering encouraged everyone to watch out for their neighbors, as well.

Manager Shumard introduced Amanda Schmidt, our new Code Enforcement Officer. He also reported the Blues Fest was a minor success.

Acting Mayor Viering reminded everyone of the Manahan Home again and proudly reported that this home is one of only two throughout Illinois commemorating Lincoln's travels.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Elston made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Cox. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

Marie Rombouts  
City Clerk